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SUBJ: PRG ISSUE AT SECOND SESSION OF CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR

REF: A. STATE 8673; B. STATE 14506

1. DCM MADE DEMARCHE ON PRG ISSUE AT THE LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE
ALONG LINES OF REF A TO MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PERMANENT
SECRETARY FRANK ABDULAH ON JANAURY 29 AND GAVE HIM A COPY OF THE
NOTE TRANSMITTED IN REF B. ABDULAH EXPRESSED DISMAY
THAT THE PRG

ISSUE WAS BEING RAISED AGAIN AND SAID THAT HE HAD HOPED THAT IT
HAD BEEN RESOLVED AT THE LAST SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE. HE SAID
THAT ALTHOUGH THE GOTR HAS BEEN THE OBJECT OF LOBBYING FROM
SEVERAL AREAS, INCLUDING APPEALS FOR SUPPORT FOR THE PRG FROM INDIA
AND THE PRG ITSELF, THE GOTR WOULD ABSTAIN IN A VOTE ON THE
SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE OF YG PARTICIPATION AS IT HAS DONE IN THE
PAST. WHEN DCM DISCUSSED PROCEDURAL QUESTION OF THE NUMBER
OF VOTES REQUIRED TO REVERSE A DECISION OF THE CONFERENCE,
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ABDULAH DID SHOW SOME INTEREST BUT MADE NO COMMITMENT

ON HOW THE T&T REPRESENTATIVE MIGHT VOTE ON A PROCEDURAL RULING
BY THE CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN.

2. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT, IN DEFERENCE TO ITS FRIENDS IN
THE THIRD WORLD, THE GOTT WILL CONTINUE TO ABSTAIN ON QUESTIONS
INVOLVING THE PRG IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS WHICH IT REGARDS AS
PERIPHERAL BUT THAT IT WILL TAKE NO POSITIVE ACTION ON RECOGNITION
UNLESS THE PRG ACTUALLY ACQUIRES THE ATTRIBUTES OF A GOVERNMENT.
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